THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Procedure of child adoption

576. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Non-Govemmental Organisations have pointed out that ejtisting procedures of child adoption in the country are faulty leading to child trafficking; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Proposal for OBC status to Muslims in Assam

577. SHRI P PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to slate:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam is considering a proposal to grant all the Muslims in the State the status of Other Backward Classes (OBC's);

(b) if so, whether Government have received any formal proposal from the Government of Assam in this behalf; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE); (a) to (c) The Govt, of Assam is examining whether the prevailing socioeconomic condition and the educational backwardness of the Muslims justify them to be included in the State List of Backward Classes. The Supreme Court in its judgment delivered on 16-11-1992 in the case of Indira Sawhney and others *Vs.* Union of India and others directed the

Government of India and each of the State Government and the Administration of Union Territories to constitute a permanent body for entertaining, examining and recommending upon requests for inclusion of castes/communities in the list of OBCs. These Bodies (Commissions) function independently and have their own procedure for examining the requests received for inclusion of castes/sub-castes in the Lists of Backward Classes. In view of this, the subject matter of incursion of castes/communities in the State List of OBCs is dealt with by the State Government concerned.

Proposal for grant-in-aid for new project at Oimapur, Nagaland

t578. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for grant-in-aid for Introduction of a new project by the Leema Ayyar Memorial School at Dimapur in Nagaland is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so. the details thereof together with the reasons for the proposal remaining pending for the last several years; and

(c) by when Government would take a final decision on this proposal

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE); (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Views of States on creamy layer amongst the Backward Classes

579. DR. A.K. PATEL ; Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state;

(a} whether all States have given their suggestions and views on the issue of creamy layer amongst the backward classes with regard to the reservation policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

†Orrginal notice of the question was received in Hindi